

# 2015 National Youth Science Camp<sup>®</sup>

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## General Information and Instructions

- National Youth Science Camp** The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state and others from selected countries around the world. Scientists from across the nation present lectures and hands-on science seminars and linger to interact informally with student delegates. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for delegates to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D.C. permits delegates to visit some of the nation's premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSC experience includes overnight excursions into the Monongahela National Forest, featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, and kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety, as the fast-paced activities and remote location make travel to and from the NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org).
- Location of the NYSC** The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.
- Dates of the NYSC** Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**, and depart on **Saturday, July 20, 2015**.
- Cost** The National Youth Science Camp is offered at **NO COST** to its participants so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge to the delegates.
- Eligible Applicants**
- U.S. applicants must be candidates for high school graduation between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015; International applicants must be 16 to 18 years of age during the program.
  - Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
  - Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;
  - Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits; and
  - Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.
- Application Criteria** A complete application will require the following:
1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),
  2. A letter detailing your qualifications, how you would benefit from the NYSC experience, and your thoughts on the social impacts of science (must be typed),
  3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,
  4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and
  5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor emphasizing academic achievements, interest in sciences or mathematics, leadership potential, and well-rounded development.
- Submission Instructions**
1. Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above, together with one staple in the upper left corner. Do not otherwise bind your application nor place it in a folder.
  2. Mail or ship your complete application **directly to your selection coordinator** so that it is received **no later than March 1, 2015**. Contact information for your selection coordinator is available online at [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org). Do **NOT** send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation.
- Questions** For answers to questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact your state's selection coordinator. See [www.nysc.org](http://www.nysc.org) for more information.

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## Delegate Application Cover Sheet

<b>Name:</b>			
	<b>Last (Surname)</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Middle</b>
<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
<b>Street Address:</b>			
<b>City, State Zip:</b>			
<b>Country:</b>			
<b>Home Telephone:</b>			
<b>Mobile Telephone:</b>			
<b>E-mail Address:</b>			
<b>School Name:</b>			
<b>School Address:</b>			
<b>City, State Zip, Country:</b>			
<b>School Telephone:</b>			
<b>1) Parent/Guardian Full Name:</b>			
<b>Relationship:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Step Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Step Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<b>Street Address:</b>			
<b>City, State, Zip, Country:</b>			
<b>E-mail Address:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>2) Parent/Guardian Full Name:</b>			
<b>Relationship:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Step Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Step Father <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<b>Street Address:</b>			
<b>City, State, Zip, Country:</b>			
<b>E-mail Address:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Applicant Certification:</b> I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all of the information submitted is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. Additionally, if I am invited to participate in the National Youth Science Camp that I intend to participate in the entire program from June 17, 2015, through July 11, 2015.			
<b>Applicant's Signature</b>		<b>Date Signed</b>	